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MISSIONARY REFLECTIONS

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Why Didn't You Let Us Know?

"Why didn't you tell us sooner?"
The words came sad and low.
"Oh, ye who know the gospel truths,
Why didn't you let us know?
The Saviour died for all the world,
He died to save from woe,
But we never heard the story—
Why didn't you let us know?

"You have had the gospel message,
You have known the Saviour's love;
Your dear ones passed from Christian homes
To the blessed land above.
Why did you let our fathers die,
And into silence go
With no thought of Christ to comfort—
Why didn't you let us know?

"You say you are Christ's disciples,
That you try His work to do;
And yet, His very last command
Is disobeyed by you.
'Tis indeed a wondrous story;
He loved the whole world so
That He came and died to save us—
Why didn't you let us know?

"Oh, souls redeemed by Jesus,
Think what your Lord hath done!
He came to earth and suffered
And died for every one.
He expected you to tell it
As on your way you go,
But you kept the message from us—
Why didn't you let us know?"

—Song from "Immanuel's Praise."

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GREATER THINGS FOR GOD

A Hundred Thousand.

A hundred thousand souls a day,
Are passing one by one away,
In Christless guilt and gloom
Without one ray of hope or light,
With future dark as endless night,
They're passing to their doom.

Chorus.

They're passing, passing fast away,
In thousands day by day,
They're passing to their doom,
They're passing to their doom.

The Master's coming draweth near,
The Son of Man will soon appear,
His Kingdom is at hand.
But ere that glorious day can be,
This Gospel of the Kingdom, we
Must preach in every land.

O let us then His coming haste,
O let us end this awful waste
Of souls that never die.
A thousand millions still are lost,
A Saviour's blood has paid the cost,
O hear their dying cry.

They're passing, passing fast away,
A hundred thousand souls a day,
In Christless guilt and gloom,
O Church of Christ what wilt thou say,
If in the awful judgment day,
They charge thee with their doom?

A Meditation.

"The sob of a thousand million of poor heathen sounds on my ear, and moves my heart; and I try to measure, as God helps me, something of their darkness, something of their blank misery, something of despair. Oh, think of these needs! I say again, they are ocean depths, and, beloved, in my Master's name, I want you to measure them, I want you to look at them until they appall you, until you cannot sleep, until you cannot criticise."—*Charles Inwood.*

A World-wide Heart.

The churches of Christ in America have the ability to evangelize the whole world. And if each congregation had this "world-wide" heart it would be done. A world-wide interest, a world-wide love—a love for all the lost souls of all the earth that is deep enough and real enough to lead men and women to action will girdle the globe with the glorious gospel of Christ. And is it not a fact that a church that is destitute of this world-wide sympathy and love is not, in reality, a true church of Christ?—*Jesse P. Sewell, in Old Paths.*

A Hard Lot.

The African is beset by the foes of malaria, yellow fever, dysentery, hook-worm, venereal disease, and more recently, sleeping sickness. Accurate statistics are not generally available, but it is evident that in many areas the infant mortality, instead of being 70 to 80 per thousand as in Europe or America, runs as high as 300 and 400 per thousand; three or four out of every ten children will die before they are one year of age.

"Greater things for God."

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Go ye, and tell the world,
Go ye, the Master said;
Go tell the needy world
I'm risen from the dead;
Go quickly! Bear the news!
Tell it from shore to shore,
'Til Christ in all shall reign,
And sin's black night be o'er.
—Dr. Charles L. Brooks.

Missionary Education.

Considering how few have taken active part in the work, a fairly good start has been made to make the "loyal" churches of Christ loyal at the point of preaching the gospel throughout the world. In a group of about 400, possibly 500 churches there is almost the entire interest which operates our present work in Japan, China, Philippine Islands, Africa, South America and the Hawaiian Islands. "The brethren will do more when they are taught more" is strictly true. Teaching can be done from the pulpit, in the prayer meeting, Bible class, and home by public address, tracts, books, pictures, stereopticon lectures, etc. Every member can help and thousands more should help. About 5,500 non-contributing churches are helping the Devil reap a rich harvest. This is not "loyalty" to Christ.

The Moravians.

This diminutive church of 317 congregations in the U. S. has a membership of only 122,364 which includes 59,952 children. The adult membership is 62,412, of whom only 41,213 are "fully accredited communicants." This tiny membership reported in the 1926 census 265 missionaries, 87 native missionaries, 390 natives authorized to conduct services; 1,009 teachers in mission day schools, 1,171 teachers in Sunday schools. In 1906, the entire Moravian church had one foreign missionary worker for every 90 members. American Moravians have now nearly one missionary to each congregation.

Changed Emphasis.

In a recent conference of missionaries in China, it was pointed out that in the 1911 gathering "the emphasis was placed on better paid workers and how to reach the upper class; at the Jerusalem conference the emphasis had changed to how to make the native churches self-supporting and how to reach the common people."

A Brave Act.

One of the bravest things I have seen in a long time is the exodus of the Sherriff family from an established and comfortable home near a modern town to a comparatively primitive location far from city and railroad.—Max Langpaap. Yes, and no one here realizes the hard-

ship John Sherriff has had in long hours of labor, in moving across country, fording rivers, having the auto stuck in the mud requiring the assistance of 12 oxen to move it, sleeping in the truck, living in native huts with leaky straw roofs and no door, etc.

Prayer and Missions.

"There are five outlets of power—through our life, our lips, our service, our money, our prayer. And by all odds the greatest of these is the outlet through prayer. . . The greatest thing anyone can do for God and for man is to pray."—*S. D. Gordon.*

"The Church has not yet discovered, still less begun to realize, the limitless possibilities of intercession. . . . The evangelization of the world is not primarily a matter of numbers, wealth, knowledge and strategy, but of the unhindered working of the Spirit of God. Such Divine manifestation has been associated invariably with prayer."—*John R. Mott.*

"It is much more difficult to pray for missions than to give to them. We can only really pray for missions if we habitually lead a life of prayer, and a life of prayer can only be led if we have entered into a life of communion with God."—*Prof. Warneck of Halle.*

God Views the World

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." Christ died for all and commanded the twelve missionaries, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation."

The Motive of Missions

Love was and is God's abiding motive for sending salvation to this far-off world. It was Jesus' motive for coming. Why carry on foreign missions? Because of love.

Love for God and love to man,
And love for Christ where love began.—Presbyterian Survey.

Their Missionary Purposes

Of 29 possible motives for the missionary enterprise, the following were most frequently marked A, indicating those which appealed most strongly to 110 correspondents of 18 denominations:

Desire to fulfil Christ's mission to the world.
Desire to spread the kingdom of God.
His desire that all men shall be brought to a knowledge of the truth.
Obedience to the command of Christ.
Constraint of the love of Christ for all mankind.
Desire to share our best blessings, temporal, intellectual and spiritual.

—Selected.

The Brethren Will Do More When They Are Taught More

On Going

Had Moses failed to go, had God
Granted his prayer, there'd have been
No leadership for him to win;
No pillared fire; no magic rod;
No wonders in the land of Zin;
No smiting of the sea; no tears
Ecstatic shed on Sinai steep;
No Nebo, with God to keep
His burial; only forty years
Of desert, watching with his sheep!
—Anon.

The Adventists Answering

The call of a world's need afford these interesting and edifying statistics for 1926:

Mission printing plants 35
Sanitariums—dispensaries ..46
Schools and Mission schools 851
Workers outside N. A. ...9,957
Missionaries sent out 216
Per capital missions gift $14.03
Same for North America 23.43
All evangelistic work.... 73.37

And they make this remarkable showing with a numerical strength much less than those who eschew denominational machinery and stand as Christians only.

Reinforcements Needed.

As I think of the needs out here, I wish I had a dozen lives to give to the cause. Just think of 400,000,000 people, only 10,000,000 of whom have yet been evangelized. Seventeen million yearly go to Christless graves. Some 30,000,000 are right here in Kwong Tung and Kwong Sai provinces and what we are able to do it but a drop in the bucket. Surely we need reinforcements. No use to talk to you for I know you are already doing more than you ought to do.—*Ethel Mattley.*

Building Costs.

The lumber yard in Bulawayo quoted Bro. Merritt as follows on supplies for his new house:

5 doors, 2' 8"x6' 8" $43.12
3 screen doors 27.12
15 casements 27.50
90 feet door stopping.... 10.30

To these prices must be added rail freight about 100 miles and hauling 46 miles across country, yet Bro. Merritt estimated the cost of a house to accommodate his family of five at only $1,250.

Our Responsibility.

A British subject was once asked if Queen Victoria should issue some proclamation to every man, woman, and child on the earth, how long he thought it would take to carry it out. He thought a moment and calmly replied, "Sir, I think we could do it in about eighteen months."

1900 years have come and gone since our King gave us His commission, and time goes swiftly rolling on toward eternity, whirling its teeming millions on toward eternal darkness because WE haven't told them. The good news was for them too but they don't know it, and the responsibility is mine and yours.

"Greater things for God."

Scriptural Missionary Work Cannot Safely be Neglected

Bible Lessons from a Postage Stamp.

1. Works where put, even standing on its head—submission. Isa. 6:8.
2. Makes no noise, but gets there just the same—humility. 1 Pet. 5:5, 6.
3. Ragged edge doesn't prevent service—triumph. 2 Cor. 10:10.
4. A black eye doesn't knock it out—endurance. Matt. 10:22; Jas. 1:12.
5. Two one-cent stamps equal one two-cent stamp—co-operation. 1 Cor. 3:9.
6. Value doesn't depend upon the size—readiness. 2 Cor. 8:12.
7. Renders service when commissioned—obedience. Heb. 5:8.
8. Works well when "licked" —chastening. Heb. 12:6; 2 Tim. 3:12.
9. Sticks to one thing till it gets there—diligence. Prov. 22:24; 2 Tim. 2:15.
10. Bears the imprint of high authority—man in God's image is mighty in his possibilities. Phil. 4:12, 13.

A Heathen Remedy.

A patient had taken opium and was slowly dying of the poison. The heathen doctor sat behind him holding his pulse for about two hours, and then ordered the following remedy which required nearly half a day to prepare:

Two ounces salted lizards, two male and two female.
One-half ounce Korea ginseng root.
Six dried grasshoppers, three male, three female.
Once ouce sweet potato stalks.
One ounce walnuts.
One-quarter ounce lotus leaves.
One-half ounce tail of rattlesnake.
Two ounces black dates.
One-half ounce devil fish claws.
One-half ounce hartshorn.
One-half ounce birds' claws.
One-half ounce dried ginger.
One-half ounce coffin nails.

The whole was to be mixed with two quarts of water and boiled down to half quantity. The patient was to drink down the mixture as quickly as possible.

Continued Effort.

"A bar of steel weighing half a ton was suspended vertically by a small chain. Near by, a cork from a bottle was suspended by a silk thread. The cork was set in motion (swinging), so that it struck gently against the steel bar. But the motion of the cork continued, and at regular intervals it struck the great bar in exactly the same place. Five minutes passed, and still no effect was noted on the bar. After ten minutes the bar gave evidence of feeling uncomfortable. A sort of nervous chill crept over it. At the end of 20 minutes the great bar was swinging like a pendulum of a clock." If we continue faithfully the missionary agitation, we shall some day awaken a sleeping brotherhood and give it great joy.

O-Missionary Christians.

Sleep on! O Christian army;
Sleep on in this dark night;
The Devil sure has guaranteed
To keep your armor bright.
There is no need for conquest,
The future is quite bright;
In sweet repose, your eyelids close,
And whisper soft good-night.
—*George W. Hall.*

A Tremendous "If".

If the church people in America gave one postage stamp daily to foreign missionary work it would amount to $10,000,000 a year; or if they gave one car fare a week, it would be $50,000,000; or if they contributed one dish of ice cream a week, it would mean $100,000,000; or if they gave one hour of unskilled labor it would result in $150,000,000 a year for foreign missions instead of $1,000,000 as at present.

The One Thing Needful.

"If I am asked what is the remedy for the deeper sorrows of the human heart: what a man should chiefly look to in progress through life as the power that is to sustain him under the trials and enable him manfully to confront his afflictions, I must point to something which in a well-known hymn is called 'The Old. Old Story,' told in an old, old Book and taught with an old, old teaching, which is the greatest and best gift ever given to mankind. ** There is but one question, and that is the Gospel. It can and will correct everything that needs correction."—*The Rt. Hon. Wm. E. Gladstone.*

Census Report.

The Department of Commerce on August 10th released report of churches of Christ in 1926 showing 6,226 churches, 433,714 members, with church property valued at $16,400,538, and total expenditures of $3,961,310, of which perhaps $50.000 went to foreign missions. The strongest states are: Arkansas (39.678), Tennessee (72,015), and Texas (98,909). We then had 29 missionaries.

Seemingly Backwards.

In Japan they
dust before sweeping;
read from right to left;
read from back of the book to the front;
cut with saw and plane on return stroke;
put the broad end of the ladder at the top;
address mail by country, city, street, and person's name;
back the horse into the stall;
men wear skirts;
wear white at funerals, black at weddings;
sell meat and give the bone if requested;

drink hot water;
pass on the left side of the road;
lead the horse instead of drive him;
dig the field instead of plow it;
beckon with the palm downward;
protect the head and neglect the heels;

A Missionary Gospel.

"The first message at the birth of Christ was a missionary message (Lk. 2:10).

"The first prayer Christ taught men was a missionary prayer (Matt. 6:10).

"The first disciple, Andrew, was the first missionary (John 1:41).

"The first message of the risen Lord was a missionary message (John 20:21).

"The first command of the risen Lord to His disciples was a missionary command (John 20:17).

"The first apostolic sermon was a missionary sermon (Acts 2:17-39).

"Christ's great reason for Christian love was a missionary reason (John 13:35).

"Christ's great reason for unity was a missionary reason (Jno 17:21).

"The first coming of Christ was a missionary work (Luke 4:18-21).

"The second coming of Christ is to be hastened by missionary work (Matt. 24:14).

"Our Saviour's last wish on earth was a missionary wish (Matt. 28: 19)."

Lay Up Treasure.

We are saved by grace and rewarded for our scriptural service to God. Even so small a matter as a cup of cold water bestowed in the name of a disciple has its unfailing *reward.* Now even a small amount possessed for a long time becomes exceedingly valuable. Manhattan Island, whereon stands the vast city of New York, was bought from the Indians, we are told, for $24 and a barrel of whiskey. Had the whiskey been poured in the Hudson and the money put out at compound interest, its present worth would have been above $4,000,000,000. Again, we are told that an American cent, if it had been placed on compound interest at the birth of Jesus would now have a greater value than this world would have if it were square instead of round and made of gold instead of dirt! Are not these suggestions encouraging for making investments in foreign missions and other scriptural efforts?

Delusions of Heathenism

A Brahman will refuse pure filtered water offered him by a so-called man of a lower caste and drink filthy, polluted water in which men are standing, into which filth pours, and in which dead bodies of men and animals may be seen. No wonder the death rate from cholera among Hindus is higher than that of other people. Most of them believe their sins would be washed away if they bathed in the Ganges which is worshipped as a goddess.

The Spirit's Sword.

We are laborers together,
In the harvest field of God;
Some may plow and some may harrow,
All may sow the blessed word;
'Tis the precious seed that springeth,
And a plenteous harvest bringeth,
'Tis our only weapon: This the Spirit's sword.

Advent Christian Church.

Churches	444
Members	2943
Church edifices	410
Benevolence-missions	$112,292
Foreign mission stations	7
Outstations	22
Missionaries	21
Churches	10
Members	889
Schools	44
Pupils	1,900
Hospitals	1
Orphanages	3
Amount contributed	$41,000

—1926 Census.

Japan Work Summarized.

Four missionaries arrived in 1892; fourteen now on the field.

Native workers: 4 full-time evangelists; 7 preaching business men; 14 student preachers.

Nine churches with 6 Bible schools.

Two other preaching stations.

Three kindergartens.

Christian home for girls.

Industrial Training Bible School.

Six church buildings.

Nine mission homes.

Free tracts printed.

Scriptures and scripture portions sold.

Commentary on Acts translated and published.

Open air preaching.

Cottage meetings.

Thousands have heard; hundreds baptized; some saved.

(Copied from a letterhead.)

A magazine in Japanese is also published and there are now nineteen adults and seventeen children connected with this work.

"Greater things for God."

A Young Helper.

Theodora Sherriff, when she was only fourteen, wrote:

"You asked what a young Christian girl like me could do. There are many things such as to help visit the people in their villages, try to teach the natives about Jesus, give out medicine, type letters for Daddy, help Molly teach, and there are many other things."

Some Smiles

Once upon a time when a diminutive egg was under consideration, Dorothy Bixler innocently inquired, "Will the hen have to lay on it some more?" Now she amuses us by a remark on her physical condition which is perhaps colored by some reference to Harry Fox's severe suffering with "sciatica," for when complaining of her knees being weak she said she must have "arithmetic."

Exemplary Giving.

Sellersburg, Indiana, church, which comes as near having a scriptural eldership as any known to the editor, furnishes the following enlightening financial figures:

Year.	Missions.	Total.
1911	$ 171,72	$ 1,354.61
1912 . . .	200.69	1,164.60
1913. . . .	174.86	1,317.82
1914 . . .	156.59	1,120.25
1915 . . .	192.00	1,269.24
1916. . . .	109.75	1,192.59
1917. . .	177.45	1,347.25
1918. . .	231.33	1,643.53
1919. . . .	217.37	2,146.52
1920 . . .	468.56	2,560.36
1921 . . .	691.41	2,863.75
1922 . . .	658.88	2,625.26
1923 . . .	763.72	2,967.22
1924. . .	914.20	3,076.58
1925 . . .	936.24	3,321.54
1926 . . .	965.95	3,418.16
1927 . .	1,086.69	3,919.37
1928. . . .	1,334.46	4,513.31
1929	1,211.85	3,881.19
1930. . .	1,234.27	3,952.77
Total .	11,897.99	49,655.92

Please note the steady increase in mission gifts, and they have spent more on the local work in recent years, too. The 1928 missionary money came as follows: Bible school, $51.68; ladies' Bible class, $162.68; young people's class, $247; congregational, $873.10.

Sanitary Living.

The principal reason why missionaries should not live as the Chinese do, is that, if they did, they would not, many of them, live. If these persons would not share the high morbidity and mortality rates prevalent among the Chinese, they must live in houses that can be kept fairly clean and cool, which have means for the proper disposal of sewage, and are screened. White persons must, in addition, have vacations and means of relaxation. If a missionary wishes to keep intellectually fit, he must have furlough periods for study.—*Missionary Review.*

Send the Light

The editor publishes this torch emblem for the good it may do and in thankful memory of William J. Bishop, deceased whose cut it was. When Bro. Bishop was a poor lad, J. A. Harding made it possible for him to go to college. When loving but selfish friends tried to retain him in the U. S. he stood by his purpose and gave his life to Japan. The writer's interest in missions goes back to contact with William J. Bishop.

Remember Luke 2:10

"Greater things for God."

Is This The Time?

Is this the time, O Church of Christ, to sound retreat
To arm with weapon cheap and blunt
The men and women who have borne the brunt
Of truth's fierce strife and nobly held their ground?

Is this the time to halt when all around
Horizons lift, new destinies confront.
No! Rather strengthen stakes and lengthen cords,
Enlarge thy plans and gifts, O thou elect,

And to thy kingdom come for such a time:
The earth with all its fulness is the Lord's;
Great things attempt for Him, great things expect,
Whose love imperial is, whose power sublime.

Duty and Privilege.

"That now * * * might be made known through the church the manifold wisdom of God." Eph. 3:10.

"We have this treasure in earthen vessels." It is the serious, solemn Heaven-imposed obligation of the church of God to preach the gospel "to the whole creation." It is also her glorious privilege.

The undenominational churches of Christ are growing in scriptural home and foreign mission work.

It is not only right to do it but *necessary* in order to be loyal to Christ.

God's Way.

The precious soul-saving, life-giving gospel was not entrusted to any humanly organized guild, society, or other man-made institution, but to the holy, precious, blood-bought church.

God's order is for the heathen to hear, believe, call, and be saved. To do this the messenger is to be sent (by the church) to preach the gospel and make possible the redemption of the man lost in sin.

Faith Counts.

A missionary who had spent a quarter of a century in Japan being approached by a reporter with the remark that "such a thing as a man leaving his native land and spending twenty or thirty years in the midst of heathenism a thousand *ri* away, and that in one localtiy is almost unknown," replied: "That is the power of my faith. I believe in immortality, in eternal life; therefore I think no more of spending half of this life in Tokushima than I would of pouring out a cup of water."

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Infant Mortality

Statistical studies of child mortality indicate that 71% of the babies in Persia die before they are five years of age; 75% of the babies in Central Africa, ** die within the first week of their age; 50% of the children in Kashmir (representing a great section of southern Asia), according to Dr. Neve, die within the first five years of their age. In Chile, which ought to be a health paradise, one-third die in early infancy. *** In Great Britain and America, child mortality is only 8% under the age of twelve. Every little child born under Christian influences, has from two to ten times the chance of life that a child has that is born in non-Christian lands.—**Missionary Review of the World.**

The Bible Says

"All things therefore whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them."—Matt. 7:12.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation."—Mark 16:15.

"Making it my aim so to preach the gospel, not where Christ was already named."—Rom. 15:20.

"He that is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and he that is unrighteous in a very little is unrighteous also in much."—Luke 16:10.

Even if your means are small, you should be helping the Lord get his saving gospel to the whole world. If his children fail, what other arrangement has he to fall back on?

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."—*James* 5:16.

Purposeless Lives.

The world is full of purposeless lives—for the reason that they are pledged to nothing; they belong to the nobodies of history. They are of these:

There is a number of us creep
Into the world to eat and sleep,
But only to consume the corn,
Devour the cattle, flesh, and fish,
And know no reason why we're born
And leave behind an empty dish.

Such folks are in the church, in business, in the whole world. They are the parasites of the common body of life.—**Sel.**

Missionary Enlargement

I will read my Bible and other missionary literature. Psa. 119:130.

I will pray for the missionaries and ask the Lord of the harvest to send forth loborers. I Thess. 5:25; Matt. 9:38.

I will write encouraging letters to the missionaries. Prov. 25:25.

I am glad to hand you $ —for your special use *in building up a greater missionary work.* II. Cor. 9:8-10.

Name .....

Address .....

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Over Here—Over There.

We have sent some men and women
Over there.
Sent them with our prayers and tears,
With the promise that the years
Would not find you in arrears,
Over here.

Now we have some men and women
Over here,
Who are languidly depending
On the other fellow sending
What those folks should now be spending
Over there.

Are you numbered with these slackers
Over here?
Will you let it be your fault
That our splendid work should halt
While your money lines a vault
Over here?

Every missionary toiling
Over there,
Is a substitute for you—
Don't withhold his honest due,
Get a little better view,
Over here.

—Mrs. Clara Alden Pettengill.

"Greater things for God."

A Combat.

"Various efforts have been made during the last half century to awaken more zeal for a world's evangelization. It has been a combat with the giants. A *colossal ignorance* of the whole matter, and a *colossal indifference* largely due to that—a son of the other giant—have confronted the advocates of missions: and success has been only in proportion as these have been driven from their strongholds."

Hot in India.

"The temperature on our veranda goes up to 115 degrees and some days a little over. And as night falls, and the mercury still stays around 110 we are tempted to think something has gone wrong with the thermometer. * * * When it lasts at least six months in each year, from early April to October, it gets to be rather trying."—*Pilgrim's Progress.*

The Mission of the Church.

Any church which is in actuality what it is in name—a *Christian* Church—is in the very nature of the case committed to Christ to bear its full share in the task of carrying His great plan and purpose in the world. The local church as a constituent part of the Church universal must have an identity of aim with it. The true mission of any local church can be discovered only by discovering the God-ordained mission of the entire Christian Church.

It is clear that the missionary enterprise is no side issue, no secondary affair, not merely one of a number of equally important, or unimportant, things. It is the primary thing, the main drive.—*Robert H. Glover, M.D., F.R. G.S.*

The Lad in Africa.

The boys hunt young guinea fowl during the hatching season, raise them, training them to come into the cage at night. They sell them to us when they think they are big enough for a

sixpence each. They hunt small wild cats for the skins, find all sorts of roots and bulbs for food. They know when and where to look for any wild fruit within miles of the village and like to follow the honey bird and get the sugar.—*Dow Merritt.*

Good Giving.

In April, 1924, the young people at Sellersburg began special giving to foreign missions. With some help from the church tneir gifts are as noted:

1924	$225.00
1925	262.00
1926	281.00
1927	240.00
1928	247.00
1929	192.00
1930	164.00
Total	$1611.00

An Argument with Myself.

1. If I refuse to give anything to misions, I practically cast a ballot in favor of the recall of every missionary in home and foreign fields.

2. If I give less than before, I favor a reduction of the missionary forces.

3. If I give the same as formerly, I favor holding the ground already won, but I disregard any forward movement.

4. If I increase my offering beyond former years, then I favor an advance movement in the Christ.

Resolved: I believe in increasing the present number of effective missionaries and in a more adequate supply of needs for the work, therefore I will increase my gift.—*Sel.*

Self Support.

"I beg to suggest that for the future, it will be possible for us to avoid most of these difficulties by taking a deeper view of the idea of self-support, and by so planting churches that most of the problems which now perplex us will never arise. It is quite possible, as Paul showed us long ago, for churches to be *from the start* self-supporting in a very real sense and in every essential way."—*W. F. Rowlands,* of Nortn China.

Oaks From Acorns.

Geologists estimate the value of potash in the Dead Sea at $70,000,000,000, and other chemicals in still larger figures —the total running to *a thousand billion dollars*—and all are carried there in little drops of water and left by evaporation. If God's children cleared their pennies once a week by putting them into missionary work they would make an immense yearly total. A prayer and a penny a day from 500,000 Christians would result in $1,725,000 annually—and we know not how much more.

A Debt of Love.

Wherever man in sin is found,
The gospel too must go;
From sea to sea, the world around,
Hot sands to Arctic snow.

Beneath the burning Africa sun,
In city tenement,
Where'er the sons of men may run,
The gospel must be sent.

The king upon his throne must hear,
The beggar in the dust;
The heathen, far away or near,
In Christ must learn to trust.

A debt of love to all we owe;
It never can grow less;
From us truth must increasing flow
To those in sin's distress.

Worthy Helpers.

One November Sunday in 1926, a transient worshipped with the Henthorns and Fuhers at Harrisonburg, Va. There were five members meeting in a home. The visitor talked with them about foreign missions and in December $25 were given. The gifts continued to come and their tabulation is both interesting and eloquent:

1926	$ 35.00
1927	150.00
1928	145.00
1929	100.00
1930	65.00
Total	$495.00

How It Was Done.

It was a Jew who brought the gospel to Rome; a Roman who took it to France; a Frenchman who took it to Scandinavia; a Scandinavian who took it to Scotland; a Scotchman who evangelized Ireland, and an Irishman in turn made the missionary conquest of Scotland. No people have ever received the gospel except at the hands of an alien."—*Southern Christian Advocate.*

The Bible and Missions.

1. Every book in the New Testament was written by a foreign missionary.

1. Every epistle in the New Testament that was written to a church was written to a foreign missionary church.

3. Every letter in the New Testament that was written to an individual was written to a convert of a foreign missionary.—Sel.

Our foreparents were heathen.

The desire to do the whole will of God is a mark of loyalty.

Questions and Answers.

Are all men sinners?

"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Rom. 3:23.

Does God love all?

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son." John 3:16.

Did Jesus suffer for all?

"By the grace of God he should taste of death for every man." Heb. 2:9.

Does he want the gospel given

to all?

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation." Mark 16:15.

Are the heathen actually lost?

"Having no hope and without God in the world." Eph. 2:12.

What is the means of salvation?

"The gospel * * * is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." Rom. 1:16.

Who is custodian of the Gospel?

"The church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." 1 Tim. 3:15.

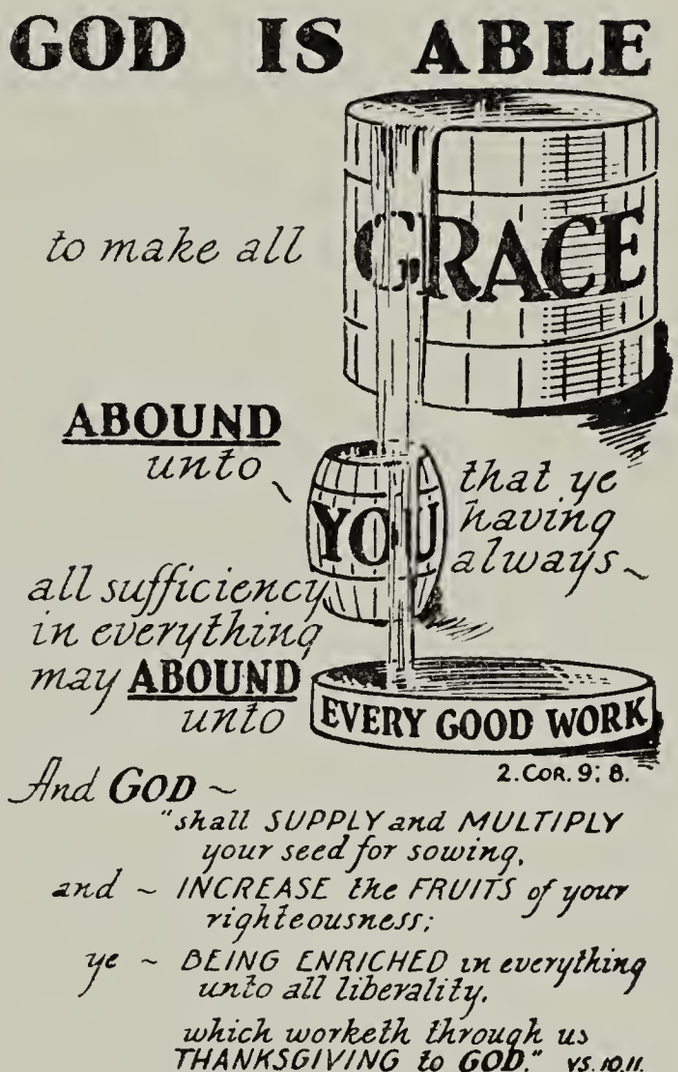
What is God's normal method of mission work?

"Whosoever shall cal l upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they *call* on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they *believe* in him whom they have not heard? and how shall they *hear* without a preacher? and how shall they *preach,* except they be *sent?* Romans 10:14, 15.

So then it is actually, indisputably true that all men are lost sinners; God loved *all,* provided for *all* through the terrible sufferings of our blessed Lord Jesus who died for *all* and commanded the gospel preached to *all* men everywhere.

"Greater things for God."

Arguments which cancel the purpose of Christ to give the gospel to all dishonor Him.


GOD IS ABLE
to make all
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unto
YOU
that ye having always
all sufficiency in everything may ABOUND unto
EVERY GOOD WORK
2. Cor. 9: 8.
And GOD ~
"shall SUPPLY and MULTIPLY your seed for sowing,
and ~ INCREASE the FRUITS of your righteousness;
ye ~ BEING ENRICHED in everything unto all liberality,
which worketh through us THANKSGIVING to GOD." vs. 10, 11.

Is not Paul saying God is able to make us able to abound unto every good work and that He will do it?

Another Smile.

When Bro. Harry R. Fox was reading to his son, he came upon the word "secret" and quizzed the lad, "Harry Robert, do you know what a *secret* is?" "Yes," responded the boy. "It's something you want to tell."

Even Little Gifts Help

"Little drops of water, little grains of sand, make the mighty ocean and the beauteous land."

Pray for the missionaries.

Mary and Martha.

For those who stay, dear Lord, we ask
The vision that exalts the task.
May toiling Marthas find it sweet
To sit with Mary at Thy feet.
Thy will be done on earth we pray
By those who go, and those who stay.
—Selected.

Two Missionaries.

Did you ever think of the fact that Jonah was a foreign missionary and tried to do about like 5500 churches of Christ are doing in America. He bought him a ticket and went to sleep.

Think now of another missionary. "The angel of the Lord spoke unto Philip saying, "Arise and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down to Gaza. And he arose and went." Which would you rather be, a Jonah or a Philip, a worker or a shirker, a pusher or a leaner.

African Tariffs.

Sister Scott supplies the following schedule of customs levied on imports to Northern Rhodesia:

Machinery	3%
Motor cars	10%
Clothing (new)	15%
Silk	20%
Motor Cycles	10%
Typewriters	20%
Leather goods	25%
Cooking utensils	20%
Cutlery	20%
Silverware	25%
Books, pictures	Free
Clothing (worn)	Free
Hospital supplies	Free

Medicines, cotton, instruments, etc., for missionary use should be marked "For Missionary Purposes Only."

Heathen Credentials.

One of the original customs of the Dyacks was that a young man proposing to his bride must have the skull of one whom he himself had slain ere he could hope to be accepted by his bride. —*R. A. Jaffray.* It is good to remember that our ancestors were once heathen and were rescued from that state through missionary work.

China a Challenge

The greatest population and man power; the oldest political civilization; the largest homogenous mass of people; the largest contiguous territory (but Russia) —in the world are in China.

China has : 430,000,000 people; 4,277,170 sq. miles; great natural resources, water power, minerals, etc.; support for 400,000,000 more people; only 7,000 miles of railroad; 40,000 characters in her writing system; 95 per cent illiteracy; over 1,000,000 soldiers; over 1,000,000 blind; 400,000 deaf; unnumbered lepers, feeble-minded, insane and uncared for children; only 1,000 doctors; one doctor to 400,000; 99 per cent have no competent medical service; 40 to 50 per 1,000 die against 14 per 1,000 in the United States; 77,000,

000 school children, only 6 per cent in school; 1 missionary for 65,000; 35 to 40 million unclaimed by any mission; 480,000 square miles untouched by any mission; 1-4 of all the people on the earth!

Among Eskimos.

Every Eskimo in the village attends every service as a rule.

Everyone in the audience sings or tries to, thus making a joyful noise.

Every man, young or old, will pray publicly and consider it a privilege.

Every Eskimo in the place over fourteen is a member of the church.

Every Sunday School teacher attends every training class weekly as a rule.

Every man is willing to do janitor work at church when requested by the Eskimo deacons.—**A. W. Newhouse.**

Madness or Wisdom.

"The sending of missionaries into our eastern possessions is the maddest, most expensive, most unwarranted project that was ever proposed by a lunatic enthusiast," was what the British East India Company said at the beginning of the nineteenth century.

"In my judgment Christian missionaries have done more lasting good to the people of India than all other agencies combined," was what the English Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal said at the close of the nineteenth century.—**Missionary Review of the World.**

The King's Message

When the Prime Minister in the House of Commons cries, "A message from the king," everything else is held in abeyance, and the message from the king takes first place in its proceedings. So must it be with the King's message in my soul. It must have first place because it is of first rank and of eternal importance.

With You Always

When David Livingstone returned to Scotland after an absence of sixteen years in Africa, the University of Glasgow desired to honor him by conferring on him the degree of Doctor of Laws. He was gaunt and weary from exposure to sixteen years of African sun and twenty-seven attacks of African fever; one arm, having been rendered useless by the bite of a lion, hung helpless by his side. There stood a real hero who had fought many a battle for humanity, and his presence inspired a feeling of awe in the minds of all present. He told them that he was going back to Africa, partly to open new fields for British commerce, partly to suppress the African slave trade, and partly to open the way for preaching the gospel. But the sentiment which stirred all hearts most was this: "Shall I tell you what supported me through all these years of exile among a people whose language I could not understand, and whose attitude toward me was always uncertain and often hostile? It was this, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."—The Christian Advocate.

Let us all aim at "**Greater things for God.**"

Do We Love Him?

"If ye love me," Jesus said it,
This the motive something worth
"If ye love me" give my gospel
To the nations of the earth."
John 15:23; Matt. 28:19.

Swimming to Church

A little West African girl came in her canoe one Saturday to sell food to the missionary and was reminded that tomorrow would be Sunday and that she had promised to come every time. She said she would surely be there—and she was. At the close of the service, she told the girls that her canoe had been stolen and none of her friends would lend her one so she swam the river which was a third of a mile wide. The current was swift and the water deep, but by taking a diagonal course she made it. If this little heathen girl took such heroic means of keeping her word, how much more should we enlightened and highly-blessed Christians keep faith with Christ and give the gospel to the whole wide world?

According to the New Testament

1. Who first preached the gospel outside of Jerusalem? Acts 8:4.
2. By what authority was this done?
3. By whom was the gospel first preached to persons not Jews? Acts 11:20; 8:9; 10:1.
4. By what authority?
5. Where was the word sounded forth by the Thessalonian church? 1 Thess. 1:8.
6. Did this involve going into a foreign country?
7. By what authority did the Thessalonians do this?
8. Is Paul to be "imitated" in mission work today? 1 Cor. 11:-1.
9. What was his ambition in preaching the gospel? Rom. 15:20.
10. Is the gospel for all men everywhere?
11. Is it to be sent to some? Rom. 10:15.
12. Who should do the sending? 1 Tim. 3:15.
13. Whom should they send?

Missionary Thoughts

"The foreign mission enterprise has been under fire ever since our Lord began it."—E. W. Smith.

Korea is the first "foreign mission" country to send missionaries of her own to an alien people.

Five of the firty-six prefectures in Japan have declared against licensed prostitution.

"Christian missions is the proclamation of the gospel to the unconverted everywhere, according to the command of Christ."—R. H. Glover.

"I went to Africa not primarily because I loved the Africans, but because I loved Christ."—Longenecker.

"Woe is me if I preach not the gospel."—Paul.

They Are Thankful

The sewing machine is a good one and Mrs. Cassell is much pleased with it. We want to ex-

press our sincere thanks to all who made possible the purchase of this machine. It will mean a saving of time, labor and nerve force for other things. If a cup cold water given in the name of a disciple brings its reward surely this will also call for a reward to all having a part in it from first to last.—H. G. Cassell

WHY?

Why should we give money to save those in other countries when there are some in our own country to save? There are other "whys" equally logical.

Why should I give money to save those in other parts of this country when there are needy ones in my own state?

Why should I give for those in other parts of the state when there are needy in my own town?

Why should I give for the poor in the town when my own church needs money?

Why should I give to the church when my own family wants it?

Why should I spend on my family what I want myself?

Why? Because I am a Christian!
—Selected.

Greater Things for God

The Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad. He loved us and bought us with the blood. Therefore greater things for Him on our part. Others, with possibly less light on some subjects, have gone to great lengths of suffering for His name. Therefore greater things from us. Present joy is in proportion to our wholehearted service to God. So we will give him more. Rewards in the ages to come are dependent upon our good works, so let us do much "Greater Things for God."

Youth in Active Service

Week ago last Sunday Robert waited on the table and talked in the native language. One boy came at the close to confess wrong living and said he wanted to follow Jesus again. He seemed so sincere—we had special prayer for him. Bro. Merritts went to Munyama for services.—Addie Brown.

Workers Wanted

Now, I am ready to talk business about new workers coming over here. The time has come. The field is ready. Let some body come. There is a base established, a house for them to come to and some one to receive and lodge them while they get their bearings. And that "some one" should be a family consisting of a man and wife and such additions as they may have. Not too old, I should suggest not more than 25, but if some good studious man like Bro. Mullins will consider the field we could excuse a few years for the sake of his zeal. Now get busy and let them be ready to enter language school next October.—Charles E. Gruver.

The Lord left us a world to evangelize.

THOUGHTS ON GIVING

Give and it shall be given unto you;
Give freely and you shall receive freely too.
For with the same measure you give to another,
It shall be meted to you, my brother.
If upon the waters you cast your bread,
It will return—you will be fed;
If pity you have for the poor—today;
You lend to the Lord—He will repay.
But should you turn your ear away
From the cry of the poor, you need not pray;
For the Lord will turn from you His ear,
And tho' you cry, He will not hear.

Earnest Christian's Soliloquy

In obedience to Christ and in order to hasten his return as well as to do the highest possible service to fellow man, I will help to give the gospel to "all men everywhere." I love thy church, O God; I am pleased with the simplicity of New Testament Christianity; I admire the wonderful zeal of its primitive promoters. I have the greatest respect for God's method of reaching the lost and its unparalleled success in the first century when thirty years were sufficient to evangelize "all creation under heaven." In appreciation of the missionary effort which brought Christ to my heathen foreparents and in appreciation of the grace of God by which I became his child, I will cheerfully assist the missionaries far afield by both word and substance.

Methods of Giving.

Give *cheerfully*. "For God loveth a cheerful giver."

Give *heartily*. "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord.

Give *repeatedly*. "Ye sent once and again unto my need."

Give *freely*. "Freely ye have received, freely give."

Seventh Day Adventists.

Churches in U. S.	1,981
Members	110,998
Foreign property	$18,021,567
To foreign missions	$2,773,244
Yearly per capita	$24.98
Goal to be reached	$30.25
Countries worked	126
Languages used	256
Publishing houses	56
Annual issues abt.	$5,000,000
In languages	131
Workers sent in 5 years	780
Home missionaries	1,459
Home ministers	1,197

In the last four years evangelistic work has been begun in a new language area on an average of every 24 days.—1926 *Census*.

Little Folks Help.

Miss Ruth Yeager's Sunday School class in Highland church, Louisville, numbers about 13 children, all under 6 years of

age. Besides their regular contributions in 1928, they gave $2.50 for flowers, $10 to H. J. Fox, $15 to work in China, and $20 to H. R. Fox. Thus these little people gave over $47.50—mostly for missions.

Heathenism Is Selfish

A missionary doctor, braving a severe storm in the middle of the night to attend a sick girl baby sets to wondering the entire community in China or in almost any Oriental country whether or not the little life is worth saving at considerable cost. When a missionary in Africa suggested to some natives that a much-used public trail should be improved, they replied: "Never since the Zambesi ran into the sea was such a thing dreamed of as that we should make a road for other people to walk on." And is there not some like selfishness on the part of those Christians who want to keep all the gospel at home?

The Whole Duty

"The **whole** duty of the **whole** church is to give the **whole** gospel to the **whole** creation at the earliest possible moment. It was Jesus who put the 'Go' in the gospel."—O. V. Wilkinson. How pitiable that blood-washed brethren should fritter away their time and substance on trifles while the greatest work in the world shouts itself hoarse for the means to accomplish its splendid aims.

A Bag of Gold

A bag of gold could soon be provided for the missionary work if each Christian gave weekly for this cause as much as he wastes. Think of unburned and half burned coal in the ash pile, lights burning in unused rooms, garments discarded too soon, etc. "Greater things for God."

Quick Action Needed

What we are to do must be done quickly. The generation is passing away and we with it. These millions of unsaved souls, we must confront at the bar of God. What can we do for their salvation—nay, for our own salvation from bloodguiltiness—before the sun of life shall set? These thousand millions of unevangelized souls are dying at the rate of thirty millions a year, and as many more are coming on the stage of life It is plain what we are to do for our own generation we must do while that generation lasts: and this is utterly impracticable, if not impossible, unless the Lord of the harvest, in answer to prayer, sends forth laborers into his harvest.—A. T. Pierson, D. D.

Who Wrote It?

"Oh, thou my soul, forget no more
Thy friend who all thy sorrows bore;
Let every idol be forgot,
But, oh, my soul, forget Him not."

William Carey went to India and labored long without any accepting Christ. On December 25, 1800 he baptized his first Hindu convert, after seven years. This occasioned much joy at the mission and they said: "The door of faith is opened to the Gentiles, who shall shut it"? "The chain of caste is broken, who shall mend it"? This first convert was Krishna Pal and he it was who wrote the lines above.

Non-Christian Esteems Missionaries

I am at the end of the scholastic year and do not know which way to turn. That does not prevent me from thinking of my good friends, nor from wishing them good health for the great task to which they have given themselves —the betterment of the human race, the purification of the soul, the development of all noble thoughts. Therefore you have my sympathy, and how could it be otherwise when I see all that you have sacrificed—your time, your leisure, your life, your whole selves, putting up with so much trouble, so many disarrangements in order to attempt to correct defects of men who delight in their vices—how could one be otherwise than touched with such untiring devotion and such disinterestedness?"—A Muslin student.—World Dominion.

His Gift and Mine

"Over against the treasury
He sits who gave himself for me.
He sees the coppers that I give
Who gave his life that I might live.
He sees the silver that I withhold
Who left for me his throne of gold,
Who found a manger for his bed,
Who had not where to lay his head.
He sees the gold I clasp so tight,
And I am debtor in his sight."

—Selected.

One Dollar.

One dollar spent for a lunch lasts five hours; one dollar spent for a necktie lasts five weeks; one dollar spent for a cap lasts five months; one dollar spent for an automobile lasts five years; one dollar spent for a water-power or railroad grade lasts for five generations; one dollar spent in the service of God lasts for eternity.—*Roger W. Babson.*

The Lord's Portion

The story goes that Senator Vardaman, of Mississippi, rented a farm to an old negro for a fourth of the crop. One day he said: "Sam, have you gathered your corn?" "Yes, sah, long 'go, boss." "Wasn't I to get one fourth for the rent?" "Yes, sah, but dere wa'n't no fourth. Dere wuz jus' three loads and dey wuz mine." Are not a lot of Christians treating God the same way? They occupy his land, breathe his air, enjoy his sunlight, receive his free salvation and have no money to preach the gospel where the needs are the greatest and the helpers are the fewest.

Paganism at Home

It is estimated that no less than 1,000,000 persons of pagan faiths are living in the United States of whom 150,000 are Hindus, 180,000 Buddhists, and 600,000 are Confucianists and Taoists. These figures indicate great need for vastly larger missionary endeavors in the home land.

The Fundamental Basis

The last command of Christ is often set forth as alike the primary and conclusive argument for missions. The last command of his lips must have been one of the nearest desires of his heart. But the work of missions is our duty, not chiefly because of the command of Christ's lips, but because of the desire of his heart.—Sel.

A Minister Wanted

Some missionaries went away down into Bolivia and Peru where the Indians gave a prompt response, and in a certain place, they built a combined church and school house and a home for the teacher. Then they took thought for a minister and built a large house with windows—something unusual in native houses. Everything being ready, their principal men went nearly one hundred miles to headquarters for a preacher. They had to go home disappointed. Soon they returned asking for a native pastor, but there was none to spare. Over a year elapsed and still the house awaited an occupant. They would permit none of their people to live in it for they had built it for their minister.

Shortened Lives

The average life span of a missionary is only about 73 per cent that of the average life span. In other words, the missionary who goes into a foreign field to convert pagans to Christianity usually sacrifices from 14 to 16 years of his or her life. They also state the shortest life span for missionaries is among those who labor in Africa."—Sel.

For the Lord

Robert Chapman, a great friend of the eminent George Muller of Bristol, England, was once asked: "Would you not advise young Christians to do something for the Lord?" He replied: "No. I would advise them to do every**thing** for the Lord." It will be a blessing to the Christian young people to the missionaries and to the heathen when our youth realize they can do **much** for God in the **missionary** line and use their opportunities freely.

For the Dark Continent

Study and pray for Africa,
Give,too, as you have been blest,
Do all that lies in your power,
And leave to Jesus the rest.

We are indirectly the product of foreign missionary work.

Fervent Prayer

A missionary writes: "Every other night for the last month I have spent from eleven until five in the morning in prayer to God, and He has graciously given me in the three hours of sleep from five to eight the strength for my daily duties." Most home folks have little conception of the hard work of missions, of the multiplicity of cares, of the heavy drain on both physical and nervous energy and of the great need of prayer, for sympathy and for association with folk of lofty Christian ideals.

POSTAL INFORMATION

Applicable to Japan, China, Africa, Brazil, Etc.

Ordinary letters: 5c for each oz. or fraction thereof; 3c each additional oz. Brazil: 2c an oz.

Parcel Post: 14c per lb. to China, Africa and Japan; limit 11 lbs., except to Shanghai City, 50 lbs.; other Chinese cities, 22 lbs.

Special: To Northern and Southern Rhodesia, there is a "transit charge" which varies with the routes to those states. Address "Via England and Beira" and save as much as $2.12 per parcel. Owing to the transit charge, the best economy lies in sending a full 11 lb. parcel (not more) for which the rate via England and Beira is $3.22 to Southern Rhodesia and $3.82 to Northern Rhodesia.

Printed Matter: Up to 4 lbs. 6 ozs. goes 2 ozs. for 1c.

Parcel Post and Small Packets are limited in size to 18x8x4 inches. In the case of rolls, 18x6-inches.

His Great Love

The work is still undone,
The battle still is on.
Some day the rest will come;
Some day the battle done.

Till then, ours not to sleep
Nor yet to weep.
But give, and go, and pray,
In superhuman strength,

Till, day by day,
We come to know the length
And breadth, and height and depth,
Of his great love for this lost world.

—Harry and Alma Stam.

Consider Them

The classic culture of China has dominated Asia for 20 centuries; the Chinese have a good name for honesty in business matters; the Chinese have as great intellectual capacity as white folks; the Chinese recover from disease which kill white men; the Chinese have learned during 40 centuries to grow more food, for long periods on the same land, without exhausting the soil than any other people; the Chinese are like a great ship loose in the harbor, swinging like a derelict to the sea, threatening all that lies in her way; the Chinese are a mass of people which must be reckoned with in world affairs; theChinese are a great suffering, bleeding, perishing people who cannot rightly be deprived of the gospel; the Chinese deserve to be considered by "loyal" Christians and churches of Christ in the United States.

Commercial Papers: Written matter not in the nature of correspondence, as used picture post cards, are mailable at the rate of 2 ozs. for 1c with a limit of 4 lbs. 6 ozs.

Boxes should be of corrugated strawboard or its equivalent. Avoid pasteboard boxes. Wooden boxes are heavy. Waterproof wrappers are not absolutely required. Good manilla covers well wrapped and tied are advised.

Registration Fees are 15c and some countries give no indemnity in case of loss. Avoid registration fees on money by sending checks to the missionary's treasurer or to Don Corlos Janes, 1046 Dudley Ave., Louisville, Ky.

Hawaiian and Philippine Islands take the regular U. S. 8th zone rate of 13c for the first lb. and 12c for each additional lb. Letters, 2c an oz.

Customs Declaration tags (No. 2966) are supplied by the P. O. upon which must be enumerated the items enclosed to Japan, China, and Africa. Send no parcels to Brazil.

Special Handling: On parcels from 2 to 10 lbs. a "special handling" fee of 15c will give them the same rapid handling as first class mail; over 10 lbs. 20c. Funds and letters forwarded free. Additional information gladly given.—D. C. J.

GREAT MEN ON THE GREAT MISSIONARY BOOK

The Bible is the best book in the world.—John Adams.

That book is the rock upon which our republic rests.—Andrew Jackson.

There is a book worth all other books that were ever printed.—Patrick Henry.

I account the Scriptures of God to be the most sublime philosophy.—Sir Isaac Newton.

There are no songs to be compared with the songs of Zion, no orations equal to those of the prophets, no politics like those which the Scriptures teach.—John Milton.

All the wonders of Greek civilization heaped together are less wonderful than is the simple Book of Psalms —the history of the human soul in relation to its Maker.—William E. Gladstone.

We plead for a closer and wider and deeper study of the Bible, so that our people may be in fact, as well as in theory, "doers of the Word, and not hearers only."—Theodore Roosevelt.

I have read the Bible through many times, and now make it a practice to read it through once a year. It is a book of all others for lawyers as well as divines, and I pity the man who can not find in it a rich supply of thought and of rules for conduct.—Daniel Webster.

Write a Letter

Oftentimes it makes you better
When you're ill to get a letter.
Oftentimes when you are sad,
A wee note will make you glad.

Sometimes when you are all alone,
In a letter's friendly tone
You will find a sympathy
That you need! It seems to me

Letters are an easy way
To make brighter some one's day.
Letters make the miles seem fewer,
Letters make old paths seem newer.

Letters make a friendly hand
Warmly reach from land to land.
Oh, I think we should, (don't you?)
Write more letters than we do.

Tom L. Wheeler.

When sending in your gifts, write a brief letter of news, appreciation and encouragement and we will be glad to enclose these helpful communications to God's worthy workers on the field.

"Greater things for God."

IF YOU WERE A HEATHEN

(See Matt. 7:12)

If you were the heathen
And the heathen were you;
What would you think,
And what would do;
If I held my hands,
While the harvest was ripe
In far distant lands
Where the laborers are few,
What would you think
And what would you do?

If my money I'd keep
While the lost fell asleep,
If I would not pray,
But live easy alway;
If I would not cry
As the dying pass by,
With the harvest so ripe
And the laborers so few
What would you think
And what would you do?

If selfish my prayer
And I would not care,
For the perishing folk
In bondage out there,
With the harvest so ripe,
And the laborers so few,
What would you think
And what would you do?

If I would not heed
The command of my Lord,
Go sow the good seed,
Planting freely my Word,
With the harvest, so ripe,
And the laborers so few,
What would you think
And what would you do?

If I would not give
Of my time, and my gold,
To send the good word
To men far from the fold,
Whose hearts by His grace
May be filled with His praise:
What would you think
And what would you do,
If you were the heathen,
And the heathen were you?

—Mrs. Gertrude Davis.

From Idols to God

A heathen family brought seventeen idols including one supposed to have healing power. When they turned to God and gave the idols to the missionaries, strings were tied to the necks of the images and they were dragged through the streets to show their powerlessness. A woman chopped off the head of the largest to prove to the heathen that it could not even protect itself.

Capital Punishment

Would you like to decide the case of a criminal and be responsible for sending him to the electric chair? How would you like to have opportunity to save or condemn a hundred criminals? Well, our diligence can give the gospel to millions of lost souls in heathen lands, and our negligence is witholding the word of life from millions of doomed men and women. Think!

Heathenism Provides Poorly

The Africans make booze from corn that is sprouted, soured, dried, cooked, re-soured, and buried for some time. It does the work and Bro. Merritt thinks the formula might sell well in some parts of the United States. It is his desire to introduce hog raising among the natives to provide them an outlet for their corn and a supply of winter food. This would give Christian Africans some revenue for the church.

Our Service to Foreign Missions

Funds received; accounts kept; funds receipted; funds forwarded economically and on time with tabulation of donors' addresses and gifts; monthly news letter to missionaries; building loans without interest; steamship reservations made; routes and schedules worked out; money borrowed for emergencies; special missionary collections obtained; interest on Building Fund and other non-active money applied to benefit of missionaries; money to start hog raising and other special ends; new donors enlisted; enlisting donors to house accounts; bills paid for missionaries; clergy books obtained; clergy courtesies secured without books; rail and ship tickets bought; rail, ship, and baggage refunds secured; passport and visa information; permission to enter; relations with Department of State.

Clothing secured for nearly all missionary children; clothing and articles for adults; typewriters supplied at cost; book and magazine subscriptions free; free radiograms; free cables secured; collect and ship picture cards and wall rolls; drugs bought at wholesale, packed and shipped; send U. S. cards and stamps to missionaries for cheap postaage;missionaries' receipt letters reposted; sometimes delivered without postage; their circulars distributed; supply an American address and forward missionary mail; copying articles; lending missionary cuts; photographs circulated; transfer gifts for missionaries; advance money for donors; pay bills and wait; delinquent donors notified; discounts and commissions donated; donors' letters sent on; new missionaries sought.

Bureau of Information: how to prepare bandages; how to ship goods to the missionaries; how to save $2.12 per package in simply writing the address; remit by methods which save money for both donors and missionaries, hundreds of dollars annually.

Missionaries encouraged to receipt donors and to write articles; routing missionaries so as to save as much as $200 on a family of three; bandages and other supplies solicited; missionary office maintained; its equipment (3 desks, 3 chairs, 2 files, cabinet, dictating machine, duplicator, two type writers, and adding machine) supplied; full time stenographer, hundreds of hours of service by Sister Janes and numerous others who assist in counting tracts, addressing, typing, etc.

lets, cards and novelties; Missionary Messenger (35c a year) since 1924; over 122,120 printed; missionary publications for sale—3 clothbound books, 2 pamphlets, various leaflets, Missionary Por-

traiture and mottoes. Promotion trips with souvenirs, lantern slides, oriental costumes; vault service for valuable missionary papers; missionary copy prepared from missionaries' letters; original missionary copy to nearly all papers; missionary editor on Word and Work since 1916; accounts audited, examined and general reports made semi-annually; missionary treasurer Highland Church; treasurer for several missionaries; remitting for almost all the missionaries each month; letters to all missionaries and their older children; estates handled; emergency funds solicited;special bulletins and remittances to the field; missionary sermons; stereopticon lectures; continual effort to enlarge foreign mission work.

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Thanksgiving and Prayer

O God, we thank thee for thy wondrous grace and goodness by which we were won from the power of darkness and translated into the kingdom of thy dear Son. We thank thee for keeping us in thy fold and from the vileness of our old sins. We thank thee for fellowship with the faithful; for the assembly of the saints and for the joy of service to thee. For all the multitude of thy blessings, we do thank thee and pray thy forgiveness for our sins and that thou wilt use us freely. Help us arouse a sleeping church to a proper sense of its missionary obligation. May thy children look on fields white unto harvest and give nobly that the gospel may be preached to all men everywhere. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Care and Prayer.

When every care in simple prayer
Is to God's footstool brought,
We have no ground
Whereon to found
One single anxious thought.

Remember Luke 2:10

God is interested in the whole world and we should be too. His church should plan world evangelization at once and then work the plan.

Important to Missionary Donors.

A plain check is a suitable form of remittance and saves cost of a money order.

It is risky to send currency in an unregistered letter. If you have no bank account, ask some one who has to write the check.

Upon us donors, the missionary depends, so far as human dependence goes, for his living. If we fail, *then what?*

Correspondents can save me much time by *always* stating definitely for whom the gift is intended instead of saying "for missionary work."

It should be remembered by the poor that there are many others in limited circumstances and that by uniting many small gifts a large total is produced.

Any time in the month is a good time to remit, but before the *twenty-fifth* is advisible so the money can go out in the regular forwarding for the month.

It is rarely (or is it ever) necessary for a church to discontinue its missionary gifts (Study 2 Cor. 9:8, 10) and they should *never* be dropped without due notice and a conscientious effort to enlist another congregation to continue the work. Else how shall the missionary meet his bills with the heathen? Think.

Please bear in mind missionary work is no mere fad or fancy which we may take up or let alone, but that it is a *plain, definite* and *positive command* (Matt. 28:18, 19) which truly loyal hearts may no more discard than baptism and weekly communion. Moreover there is joy and blessing in it which all should have.

There are several thousand congregations in the U. S. professing to be loyal which are not giving anything to this work which Jesus died to make possible. Is it not part of *your* duty and privilege to enlist some of them and thus help to evangelize the perishing world and also help to remove the disgrace that attaches to having perhaps less than 400 contributing churches out of over 6,000?

Waste material (lesson cards, picture post cards, wall rolls, waxed paper, certain magazines, used clothing, ets.,) may be advantageously used on the mission fields, but send no goods to this office without first inquiring. Information cheerfully supplied. Correspondence invited.

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"Why didn't you tell us sooner?"
The words came sad and low.
"Oh, ye who know the gospel truths,
Why didn't you let us know?
The Saviour died for all the world,
He died to save from woe,
But we never heard the story—
Why didn't you let us know?

"You have had the gospel message,
You have known the Saviour's love;
Your dear ones passed from Christian homes
To the blessed land above.
Why did you let our fathers die,
And into silence go
With no thought of Christ to comfort—
Why didn't you let us know?

"You say you are Christ's disciples,
That you try His work to do;
And yet, His very last command
Is disobeyed by you.
'Tis indeed a wondrous story;
He loved the whole world so
That He came and died to save us—
Why didn't you let us know?

"Oh, souls redeemed by Jesus,
Think what your Lord hath done!
He came to earth and suffered
And died for every one.
He expected you to tell it
As on your way you go,
But you kept the message from us—
Why didn't you let us know?"

—Song from "Immanuel's Praise."

HE GIVETH

"He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater;
He sendeth more strength when the labors increase;
To added affliction He addeth His mercy;
To multiplied trials, His multiplied peace.
When we've exhausted our store of endurance,
When our strength has failed ere the day is half done,
When we reach the end of our hoarded resources,
Our Father's full giving is only begun.
His love has no limit, His grace has no measure,
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For I love the little children of the world,
I will take you by the hand, lead you to the better land
For I love the little children of the world."

CHORUS.

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world;
Red and yellow, black and white,
They are precious in His sight,
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Jesus is the Shepherd true, and he'll always stand by you,
For He loves the little children of the world,
He's a Savior great and strong, and He'll shield you from the wrong.
For He loves the little children of the world.

I am coming, Lord, to Thee, and Thy soldier I will be,
For He loves the little children of the world,
And His cross I'll always bear, and for Him I'll do and dare,
For He loves the little children of the world.